

and drying shall not be less than 70 days for hams, and shall not be less than 50 days for pork shoulders. During the drying and smoking period, the internal temperature of the product must not exceed 95 °F., provided that such temperature requirement shall not apply to product dried or smoked under natural climatic conditions.

(6) For hams or pork shoulders labeled "dry cured," the combined period for curing and salt equalization shall not be less than 45 days for hams, and shall not be less than 25 days for pork shoulders; and the total time for curing, salt equalization, and drying shall not be less than 55 days for hams and shall not be less than 40 days for pork shoulders.

(7) The weight of the finished hams and pork shoulders covered in this section shall be at least 18 percent less than the fresh uncured weight of the article.

(d) The optional ingredients for products covered in this section are:

(1) Nutritive sweeteners, spices, seasonings and flavorings.

(2) Sodium or potassium nitrate and sodium or potassium nitrite if used as prescribed in this section and in accordance with §318.7(c)(4) of this subchapter.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 46 FR 1257, Jan. 6, 1981, the Department announced that the temperature and time period provisions of §319.106 (c)(5) and (c)(6) have not been in effect since November 17, 1980, and will not be enforced pending future Agency action in the matter. However, ham and pork shoulders must continue to be prepared in compliance with all other provisions of §319.106 in order to be labeled "country ham," "country style ham," or "dry cured ham," and "country pork shoulder," "country style pork shoulder," or "dry cured pork shoulder."

#### §319.107 Bacon.

The weight of cured pork bellies ready for slicing and labeling as "Bacon" shall not exceed the weight of the fresh uncured pork bellies.

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### Subpart E—Sausage Generally: Fresh Sausage

#### §319.140 Sausage.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, or under the Poultry Products Inspection Act with respect to products consisting partly of poultry, sausage is the coarse or finely comminuted meat food product prepared from one or more kinds of meat or meat and meat byproducts, containing various amounts of water as provided for elsewhere in this part, and usually seasoned with condimented proportions of condimental substances, and frequently cured. Certain sausage as provided for elsewhere in this part may contain binders and extenders as provided in §318.7(c)(4) of this subchapter. Sausage may not contain phosphates except that phosphates listed in §318.7(c)(4) of this subchapter may be used in cooked sausage. To facilitate chopping or mixing or to dissolve the usual curing ingredients, water or ice may be used in the preparation of sausage which is not cooked in an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the total ingredients in the formula. Cooked sausages such as Polish sausage, cotto salami, braunschweiger, liver sausage, and similar cooked sausage products may contain no more than 10 percent of added water in the finished product. Sausage may contain Mechanically Separated (Species) used in accordance with §319.6.

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#### §319.141 Fresh pork sausage.

"Fresh Pork Sausage" is sausage prepared with fresh pork or frozen pork or both, but not including pork byproducts, and may contain Mechanically Separated (Species) in accordance with §319.6, and may be seasoned with condimental substances as permitted under part 318 of this subchapter. The finished product shall not contain more than 50 percent fat. To facilitate chopping or mixing, water or ice may be used in an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the total ingredients used.

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